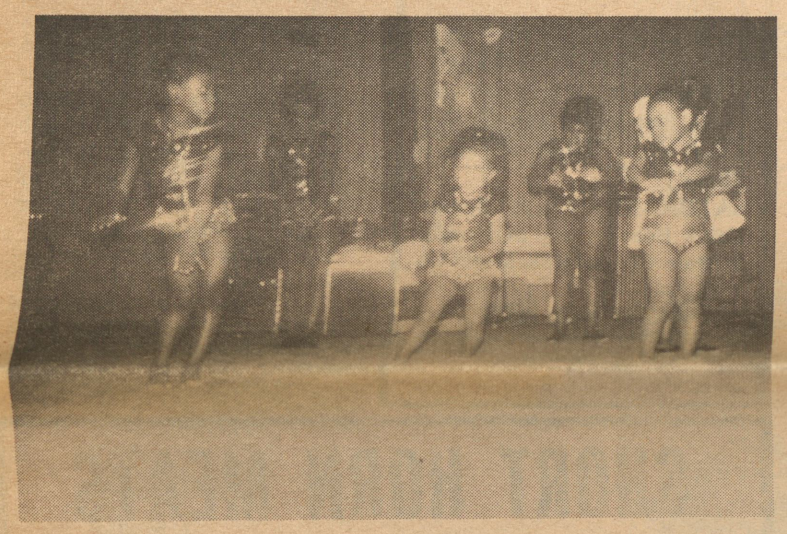

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Citizens' Apathy May Cost Saginaw Model Cities Program

There has been much said about the Model Cities Program, but very little interest shown toward it on the part of citizens, collectively or individually, who may well qualify.

The Model Cities program may well fall by the wayside locally simply because of the lack of citizens' involvement! One of the basic requirements of the program is, first and foremost – interest and involvement on the part of the citizenry. They MUST be involved in the planning and the implementing of the Model Cities program at all phases or we stand to lose its many benefits. . .benefits that can, and will, make our community a better one in which to live.

The initial step is to contact me at the Model Cities Office at 1407 James St., here in Saginaw, or call 52142. But time is of the essence. The deadline date of April 30 is fast approaching and there is much to be done.

Following are some of the basic requirements of the Model Cities Program, a HUD project:

. . .The program requires that a comprehensive city demonstration program provide maximum opportunities for employing residents of the area in all phases of the program and enlarged opportunities for work and training and that it make marked progress in reducing under - employment and enforced idleness.

. . .all cities shall submit for approval an employment plan together with specific employment and training goals, as set forth below, for the implementation of this policy. In the execution of such approved plan, a city must demonstrate marked progress toward specific goals in each succeeding phases of the program.

. . .The governing body of each city or county participating in the Model Cities program must adopt a specific resolution to authorize the implementation of this policy in filling all jobs generated by DDCP and related construction.

. . .It is the responsibility of the city (or county) government submitting a CCDP to implement, or to assure the implementation of, these requirements. Information on such implementation shall be submitted as required in applications for Model Cities supplemental funding and other standard reporting formats as requested by HUD. The information shall be consolidated within a single section of any report or submission as required and at a minimum shall show in a concise tabular form all employment to be generated by the CCDP and the hiring and training systems which will assure the placement of Model Neighborhood residents in these jobs on a preferential basis. Such information shall also show the characteristics of incumbents in CCDP generated jobs. The section shall also show the relationship of resident employment programs to related aspects of the comprehensive city demonstration program, such as health or other supportive services, economic development, transportation, etc.

. . .The CDA and each public or private agency operating a CCDP component will establish minimum quantitative objectives for resident employment and will indicate how these objectives are to be met through recruitment, selection, pre-employment and on-the-job training, upgrading and other procedures. The training and employment procedures will be designed to remove identified impediments to hiring and upgrading of disadvantaged Model Neighborhood residents and provide them with occupational mobility through seniority, interagency transfer agreements, civil service status, union membership or other pre-requisites to such mobility. Each city will show how it plans to remove or ease significant merit system impediments to the employment of disadvantaged Model Neighborhood residents in CCDP related jobs.

. . .In the case of public employment generated in components of the comprehensive city demonstration program, financed in whole or in part by supplemental or other HUD funds, such jobs will be incorporated into the community's regular civil service system within a reasonable period of time not to exceed two years from the point that positions were filled. Actions to accomplish this will be initiated in each community within six months of the date of issuance of this letter. Such positions will be filled through a Model Neighborhood resident recruitment and training system in conformity with the policies

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Civitan Benefit Talent Show One Of Finest!

On Saturday evening, February 6, the Civitan Recreation Center presented the Diplomat Benefit Talent Show, directed by Mrs Claudine Wickes, with Mrs Barbara Lenoir acting as mistress of ceremonies.

As explained by Mrs Lenoir, all proceeds went to the Club itself, a new influence in our community which everyone would like to see preserved.

The Diplomat Auditorium was beautifully decorated for the occasion, with balloons and other pretty things hung from the ceiling. The program included all of the favorite groups from the Civitan Center: the Kandy Kids, the Hi-Steppers, the charming little Lovettes and the Soul-Twisters, the Four-Leaf Clovers and many others delighted an audience of all ages as they went through their paces.

Some of the highlights were provided by an interpretive dance to the music of "Autumn Leaves;" the dancing of a vert talented youngster named Freddie Ferguson and a group called the Tempting Three, a trio of lovely young ladies who danced and sang their hearts out.

The evening's finest moment was a fantastic impromptu group dance, with every single dancer on stage. It was perpetual motion under constantly changing lights, a scene not to be believed. Even parents looking on were amazed and proud at the talents of their own children.

Midway through the evening, Mrs Lenoir paused in the program to call Mrs Wickes to the stage to present her with a bouquet of red roses, because it was she to whom we owed the evening's entertainment. In a larger sense, it seems that the most important thing for which we must thank Mrs Wickes is this: She is determined to learn to know our children, to broaden their horizons, to give

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Interested In Adopting A Child?

Parents interested in adopting black children are urged to attend a special meeting scheduled for next Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Mr Ritz will be available to help and advise you on any questions relating to adopting Negro children.

If you are a potential parent and you can offer love and understanding, contact Mr Ritz at 893-9139 or Mrs Charland at 793-9150 in Saginaw.

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of this letter and the positions will carry full public employee rights and benefits.

. . .It is the responsibility of the CDA that the CDA and each operating agency develop a scpeific program to upgrade eligible, potential and interested employees retained in each para-professional job classification. This upgrading will be designed to lead to greater responsisility or full professional status, and those employees so upgraded will be retained in professional level positions as such positions become available through staff turnover, expansion or new program development.

. . .Each CDA will establish adequate administrative machinery within its own organization to implement, enforce and monitor resident employment preference programs. Appropriate implementation and reporting requirements will be incorporated into all agreements between the CDA and operating agencies in order to require and evaluate the execution of resident employment preference provisions.

. . .The text of the resolution adopted by the governing body of the cities or counties participating in the Model Cities program shall be included in the cities' applications to HUD for supplemental funds.

. . .Section 3 of the Housing Act of 1968, as amended, reinforces the Model Cities employment and training requirements by requiting in federally assisted rehabilitation and construction activity under such programs as section 235 and 236 of the National Housing Act, section 221 (d) (3) (BMIR), low-rent public housing program under the U.S. Housing Act, the Rent Supplement Program (Section 101) of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, the FHA mortgage insurance program, etc., that:

"To the greatest extent feasible opportunities for training and employment. . . be given to lower income persons redising in the area of such housing. . ."

. . .Each CCDP will show in regard to construction employment:

(1) That the city resident employment and training policy covers all crafts and positions related to demolition, construction and rehabilitation, including foremen, superintendents and construction truck drivers, as well as such occupations as architects, engineers, draftsmen, etc. The policy should include provision for establishing *specific and quantifiable goals and commitments for hiring and training residents in each construction craft and other relevant occupation.*

(2) A description of each demolition, rehabilitation and construction activity that is projected for the next 18 month period including an estimate of all jobs by occupation and craft that will be utilized in such projected activity. The demolition, rehabilitation and construction activity should include all HUD assisted projects in the Model Neighborhood area whether or not they are reflected in the plan as well as all other projects funded by any other source which are included in the plan. Significant changes in such plans should be promptly reported to HUD.

(3) That a recruitment, training and hiring program specifically designed to prepare Model Neighborhood residents for work on all projected construction projects in the Model Neighborhood has been developed by the city in concert with reisdents and all other relevant groups. Any agreement entered into pursuant to the program must in no way limit hiring or training opportunities for residents to certain crafts or categories of construction.

(4) That the city resident employment policy will be applied through city and other public agency bid specifications and in requirements for sponsors of any FHA insured projects included in the comprehensive city demonstration program and that successful bidders must agree to cooperate with the city employment policy and training programs and meet such quantified minimum hiring and training goals in each craft and related occupations as are determined by HUD and the city in consultation for each community.

(5) That, in awarding contracts for the construction activity identified in section (2) above, the city has developed precedures to assist and assure preference for contrctors and subcontractors (a) based on or substantially doing business inthe Model Neighborhood or (b) employing Model Neighborhood or (b) employing Model Neighborhood residents at all levels as a significant proportion of his work force.

All cities shall submit to HUD by April 30, 1971, a supplemental application showing evidence that its employment program conforms in all respects to these requirements and describing the administrative machinery that has been established to implement the program. This policy does not affect the tenure of those persons holding model cities generated jobs on or before the date of issuance. However, as such jobs become vacant they must be filled in conformity with the policies of this letter.

Failure of any city to submit and execute an approvable supplement to its application shall be a basis for suspension or termination of the grant agreement.

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WEDNESDAY: 6 p.m. Prayer Meeting – 7 p.m. Bible Study.
THURSDAY: 6 p.m. Nurses Guild (2nd) – 6 p.m. Young Adult Choir Rehearsal (every Thurs.).
SATURDAY: 4 p.m. Senior Usher Board – 6 p.m. Gospel & Male Chorus Rehearsal (1st And 3rd).
SUNDAY: 7 p.m. BYF (2nd & 4th) – 4-5 p.m. (2nd & 4th) Young Matrons.

Rubber Consumption Up

Sparked by domestic and foreign economic expansion, world rubber consumption will rise an estimated 10 per cent this year and world auto tire shipments will climb about the same amount, Russell DeYoung, chairman of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, has predicted.

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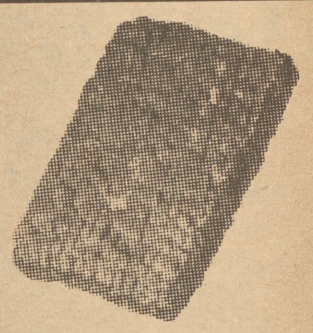

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Blacks look back over the years of many struggling times. Let us take a look at the goal and the down fall of the Black Men.

The Black man's first defeat was the loss of his identity, and this loss of identity means a great deal for with it you lost pride, courage, ambition and the will to live. But let's take another look. Today, the black man is proud to be Black. The black man is proud of his still frame body which has been hardened and tempered through the age of depression and hardship. Let us take a look at some of our people who stood fast and proud through out these difficult periods. They are well known to us all – Martin Luther King Jr., George Washington Carver, Dr. Benjamin Mays and many other outstanding Negroes.

You can read about them in next week's edition of Valley Star.

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them a pleasant experience of performing for an audience, to build their self-confidence, to teach them physical fitness, grace of motion and awareness of the beauty and value of their own bodies and to impart to them the warm sense of loyalty and one-ness that comes from working together. These things will enrich their entire lives.

Following this fitting gift of thanks, the program continued in style. Near the end of the program, in honor of Black History Week, young Ross Conley sang "Every Time I Feel the Spirit," which he dedicated to his father.

The final "Goodnight Ladies," was sung by toddler Regina Wade, accompanied by all of the dancers in the show. And when the song was through, everyone began to dance and it was a celebration straight out of your favorite folk-rock musical, a rousing, exciting finale.

It must be said that, as well as benefiting the Diplomat Club, the evening's entertainment was of great benefit to all who performed in it and all who attended.

New Mercury Lamp Can Be Used Indoors

A new mercury vapor lamp designed specifically for indoor commercial lighting applications has been announced by Westinghouse.

According to Howard J. Thomas, general manager of the fluorescent and mercury lamp division, the new lamp provides such excellent color rendition that mercury lamps can now be used for indoor lighting applications.

Mr. Thomas explained that, because of its color characteristics, mercury lamps have generally been regarded as an outdoor or industrial light source. The new mercury lamp is said to be flattering to skin tones, merchandise and furnishings.

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Plans Fashion Show On February 21

The Neighborhood Enterprises and Training Co., Inc. (NETCO) is sponsoring a fashion and hair style show Sunday, Feb. 21 from 3-6 p.m. at the Diplomat Club. The show, which will feature African styles as well as custom-made clothing is a benefit for this non-profit seeking group.

Tickets at $2 entitle you to see the Atos and enter a contest to win a free custom-made outfit for a lady. Food and drink will be sold at the show.

NETCO is just starting in business at the Model Cities Building at 7th and James. They have been doing custom sewing and alterations and would now like to show their production to the Saginaw public. Tickets can be purchased at NETCO or at the door on Feb. 21. Telephone Betty Smith or Boniee Jackson at 755-2142.

Old Glory Helps Create New Jobs

The nation's largest minority manufacturing firm, Watts Manufacturing Corporation, has just signed a contract with the Veterans Administration to produce more than 100,000 five-by-nine-foot American flags.

Founded in 1966 by the Aerojet General Corporation to provide job training for the hardcore unemployed, Watts was sold last May to Chase Manhattan Bank's small business investment company.

The bank has begun a process that will turn 80 per cent of the stock over to the Watts employees, who are predominantly Black and Mexican American.

In Pants—It's Mini, Miki, Midi Or Maxi

Now that we're deep in the pants thing, it looks like fashion bigwigs abroad will stop at nothing to make them a day and night landmark. Now they've dreamed up the 'hot pants,' knickers pants, knee pants and harem pants. In short, you can still have your mini, miki, midi or maxi look.

Interestingly, most of the designers stated that there is nothing mock-seductive about the new collection of pants being thrown in with almost every suit ensemble, but with clothes becoming so frilly and ornamental, they add character to the outfit.

Paris and Rome's first showing revealed most designers made pants in every length. Pants that just cover the knee; pants that hit the thigh and pants that stop at the largest part of the calf. Newest are the pants that stop above the ankle bone and pants that are gathered at the ankle to blouse. These will be the foundation of the daytime costumes.

Over the pants, in any length, come long, lean tunics, fingertip jackets and coats. They're all neat, flat and unlined. Some are patterned in bold abstractions. Colors are black, camel and white, or bright green and white and pink and white. Evening drama will be focused on such specialties as crisp white linen suits with lace tunic and total black.

For those women who wouldn't dare wear long trousers, or the midi or maxi, 'hot pants' will be retailing with sensational matching jackets and blouses. The big question is 'Who can wear these very brief little pants?' Secondly, the same old question arises, 'Who has the figure for them?' But everyone had the figure for the mini. Anyway, here's your chance to keep the mini alive.

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Mr. Costello predicted 6 billion units will be used in 1971 to package a wide variety of food, household, industrial, toiletry, pharmaceutical, automotive and marine products.

SMOOTHIE — This self-knotted swinger pigtail trick helps, too, to keep crown hair smooth when the weather's humid. Set it on large or jumbo rollers wound as sketched. When dry, brush to super sleekness. Continue the side part diagonally across the crown, having it end as a center part down the back. Then grasp each side of the hair above and behind the ear and secure with coated plastic ponytail band.

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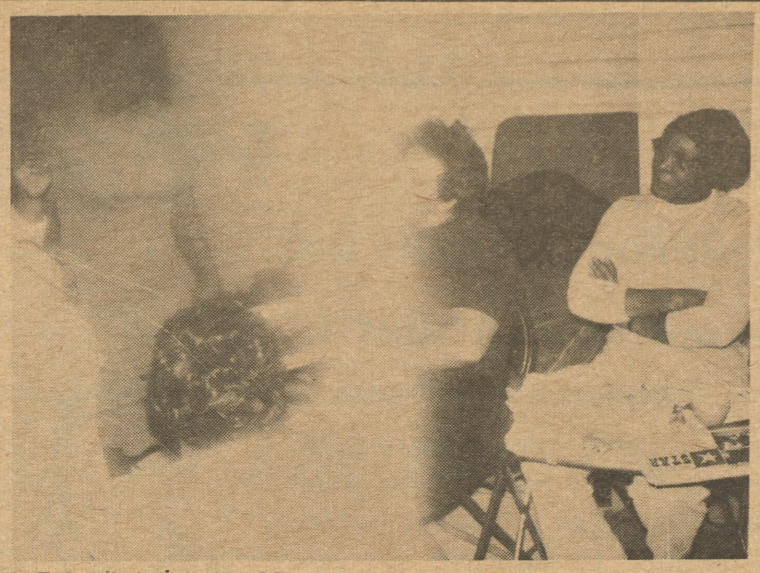

Friends honoring Mrs. Lucy Lyda at surprise party.

A very surprised Mrs. Lucy Lyda.

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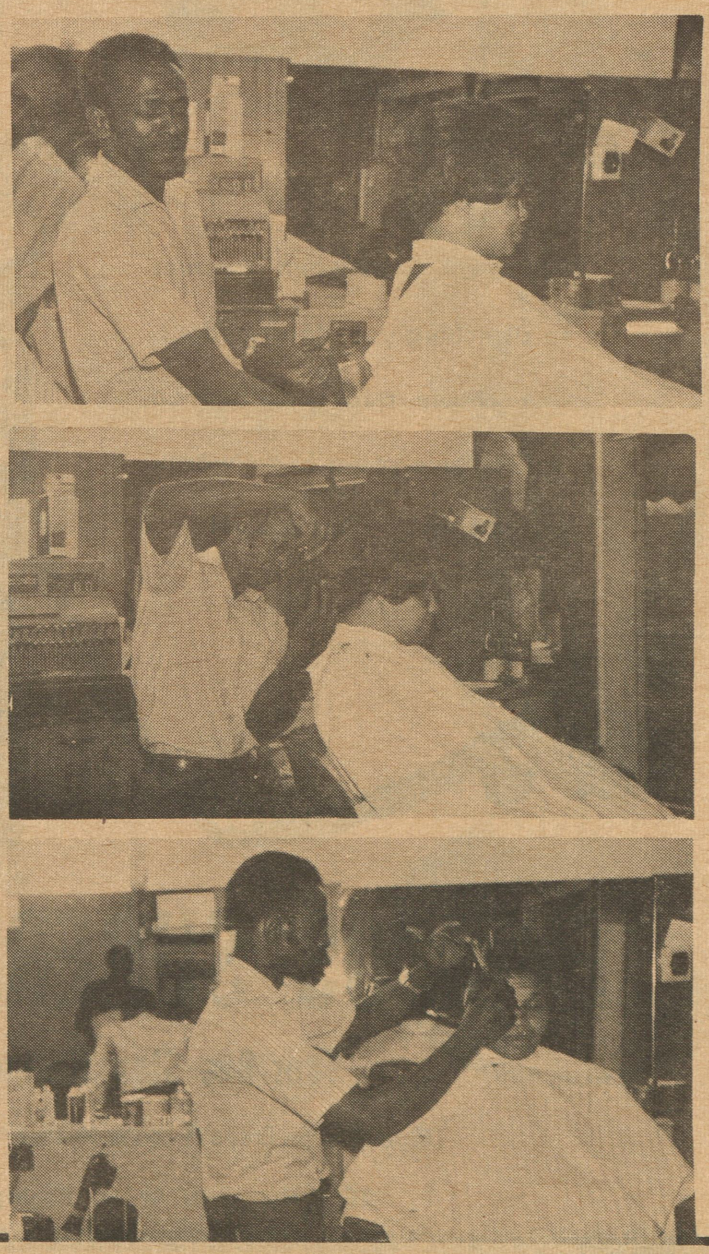

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Negro History Week

Feb. 7-14 has been officially proclaimed 'Negro History Week' by Gov. Milliken.

The proclamation reads:

"America's great heritage and strength as a nation have been derived from the contributions of many, not just a few and gained through much sacrifice and service.

"As we seek to assure Negroes in this country thier full rights and opportunities as guaranteed in the Declaration of Independence, we should look back into history and recognize and appreciate the vital and historical role the Negro has played in developing our nation.

"Public knowledge and awareness of the contribution of the Negro in the fields of education, industry, the arts, sciences, labor, commerce, human relations, politics and government, economics, military service, agriculture, medicine and exploration are essential to the achievement fo a democratic society.

"Various individuals and organizations continually seek to provide with clarity and accuracy accounts of the American Negro's past, his present and his aspirations for the future. Such an understanding is universally needed.

"Therefore, I, William G. Milliken, governor of the State of Michigan do hereby proclaim Feb. 7-14, 1971, as 'Negro History Week' in Michigan and call upon all citizens and civic, religious and educational organizations to iniate programs to inform citizens and children of the vital role which the Negro has played and continues to play in the development of our state and nation."

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Mother's Club Is Scout's Right Arm

A surprise party was given for Mrs Lucy Lyda in honor of her being one of the first members and founders of the mothers Club.

The Mothers club is an organization of mothers who take it upon themselves to sponsor activities to raise money to help supply food and shelter for the Boy Scouts when they are on camping trips.

The Mothers Club actually has been the Scout Master's right hand since the club was founded in 1950. They feel it's important because without the work and drive of these mothers, the boys wouldn't be able to get a lot o the essential things that they need for their trips.

Here is how a few of the mothers feel about the Club: Mrs Dolly Dean says she just loves the club and she feels it helps the boys a lot. Mrs Clara Wells, a long time member, says the club has done a lot toward assisting the Scouts, while Mrs Irene Pierrie enjoys working with the club and she is a regular supporter.

It's nice to keep the boys off the streets and it helps to better their minds and to teach them to leanr to help others as well as themselves. Yes, the Mothers Club is quite a club.

By Denise Burns.

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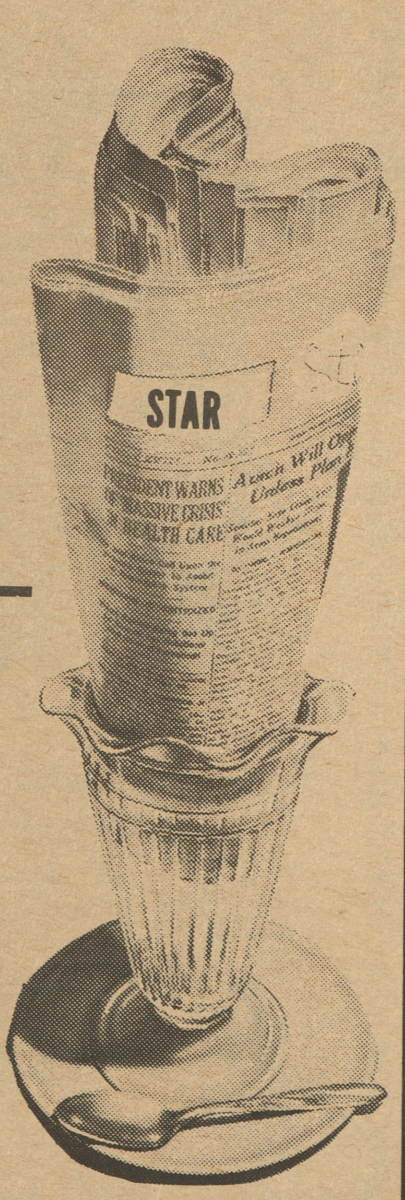

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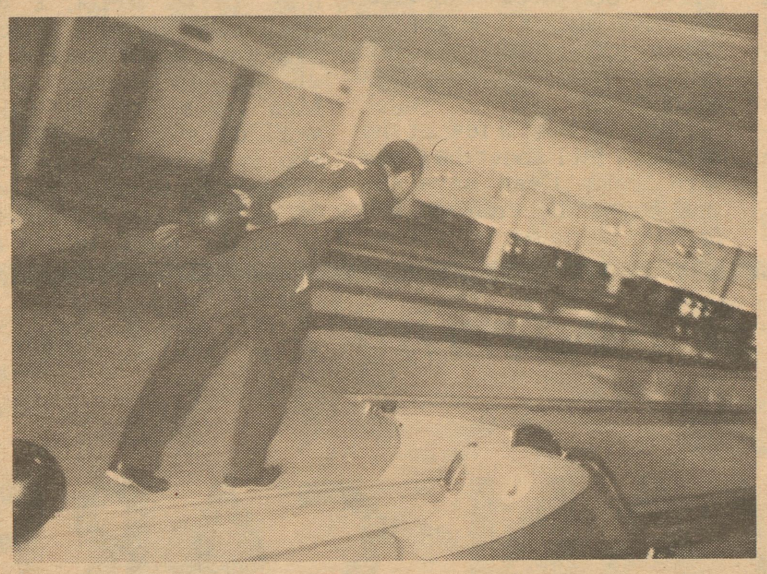

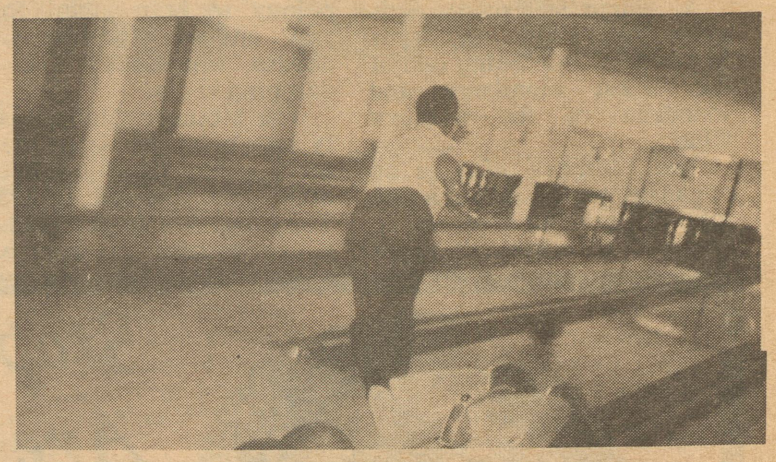

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